

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 19, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Absent: Parichuk

Also, Present: Matthew Hall, Manager  
Laurie A. Barton Borough Clerk  
Leslie Parikh, Attorney

Mayor Higgins led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Higgins read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

**MINUTES**

Motion made by Noone and second by Conry to approve the following minutes with corrections:

Regular Meeting Minutes: February 5, 2019, February 19, 2019 and March 5, 2019.

Budget Meeting minutes: February 5, 2019 and March 5, 2019.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**COUNCIL APPEARANCE**

Lt. Kaufman, Washington Township Police Department: introduced the two newest members of the police department; Officers Bagmut and Bajor.

Lt. Kaufman continued on with the monthly statistics report from the department.

Rudy Bucherer, inquired about his response he was waiting for with regards to a complaint he filed with a residence installing a driveway.

Scott McDonald, North Prospect St., introduced himself as the new President of the Library. Mr. McDonald reviewed the issues he will address one at a time that are ongoing and that need resolve concerning the library.

Robin Klimko, West Stewart, discussed an issue of a USB that was given to her by former Deputy Mayor Heinrich. Mrs. Klimko also inquired about having her yard repaired from the damage that occurred from plowing.

Mrs. Klimko brought the attention of a storm drain that is cracking in the roadway with a hole.

Julia Stroker, E. Washington Ave., inquired about having bike racks in town for kids. Ms. Stroker asked about resolving the issue of water coming over the sidewalk that almost reached the store front from heavy rainfall.

John Monteverde, BID Executive Director, stated that the BID applied for a bike rack grant which they didn't receive but they will apply for another grant.

Magda Brown, E. Washington, inquired about parking signs and free parking in the lots and the possibility of having signs put up on Route 57 directing patrons to park in back.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Norris to close the audience portion.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ORDINANCES 1<sup>st</sup>-reading:**

Motion made by Conry to approve on first reading Ordinance 2019-12 motion seconded by Duchemin. Public Hearing scheduled for April 16, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried

### **ORDINANCE 2019-12**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2019**  
**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION**  
**LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**  
**(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington hereby determines that a 1 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$33,094.12 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Borough of Washington hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2018 budget year, the final appropriations of the Washington Borough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 115,829.42, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Washington Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**ORDINANCES 2<sup>nd</sup> -reading:**

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Noone to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-05. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion to close the public hearing was made by Norris and seconded by Conry, all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-05 made by Norris and seconded by Conry.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2019-05  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON ADDING  
CHAPTER 54 GENERAL LICENSING OF  
BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES  
WITH RESPECT TO BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES**

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-06. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion to close the public hearing was made by Conry and seconded by Valle, all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-06 made by Norris and seconded by Noone.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2019-06  
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW FIRE  
COMMAND VEHICLE BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE  
COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$38,000  
THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$16,000 BONDS OR  
NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-07. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion to close the public hearing was made by Noone and seconded by Valle, all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-07 made by Valle and seconded by Noone.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2019-07**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 ‘FIRE PREVENTION CODE’ OF**  
**THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON**

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-08. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion to close the public hearing was made by Valle and seconded by Conry, all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-08 made by Duchemin and seconded by Conry.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2019-08**  
**ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ACCESS EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF**  
**PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON IDENTIFIED AS**  
**BLOCK 26, LOT 10**

Motion made by Norris and seconded by Conry to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-09. All were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion to close the public hearing was made by Valle and seconded by Conry, all were in favor.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09 made by Valle and seconded by Conry.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2019-09**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING**  
**THE SALE OF BLOCK 59 LOT 2 (LOCATED IN WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP)**  
**TO SOLE CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY OWNER MR. DALE COLEMAN**

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-56

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION # 2019-56**  
**A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER BILLINGS IN**  
**ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70, SECTION 28B OF**  
**THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington commenced operations of a municipal sewer utility in January of 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, certain facts have come to the attention of the Borough to justify modification of sewer service charges which have been reviewed by the Borough Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, notice has been provided to the owner(s) of the property or properties listed below of the action proposed to be taken with the date, time and place where the Mayor and Council will meet to consider change(s) in the E.D.U.'s assigned to the property or properties listed below; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties affected by this resolution will be notified of the action taken, in writing, and notified of an opportunity to appear, in person, at a formal hearing of the governing body, if dissatisfied with the decisions made herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following changes in the sewer service charge(s) are approved:

<b>BLOCK/LOT NAME/ADDRESS</b>	<b>REASON/ADJUSTMENT</b>
70/4 Washington 256 Holdings, LLC P.O. Box 63	Change in Use 1.5 E.D.U. to 2.0

E.D.U.s

Roselle Park, NJ 07204      Effective: April 1, 2019  
 Property Location: 256 East Washington Avenue

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to all parties affected by this resolution and advise them of their right to protest the decision and request a formal hearing before the governing body, as provided in Chapter 70, Section 13. If no protest is filed, the decisions contained herein shall be considered final.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-57

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
 Motion carried.

<b>2019 Municipal Budget</b>			
of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren for the fiscal year 2019			
<b>Revenues and Appropriations Summaries</b>			
<b>Summary of Revenues</b>		<b>Anticipated</b>	
		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
1. Surplus		\$ 595,343.00	\$ 675,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues		\$ 1,906,480.76	\$ 1,523,693.02
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		\$ 450,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes		\$ 5,413,680.86	\$ 5,410,409.05
b) Addition to Local District School Tax			
c) Minimum Library Tax		\$ 151,036.89	\$ 154,309.03
Total Amount to be Raised for Support of Municipal Budget		\$ 5,564,717.75	\$ 5,564,718.08
Total General Revenues		\$ 8,526,541.51	\$ 8,163,411.10
<b>Summary of Appropriations</b>			
		<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>Final 2018 Budget</b>
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,151,755.86	\$ 1,067,925.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 5,043,110.68	\$ 4,860,350.02
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		\$ 248,239.00	\$ 231,500.00
3. Capital Improvements		\$ 337,000.00	\$ 324,000.00
4. Debt Service (Included for School)		\$ 1,045,062.00	\$ 997,257.00
5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		\$ 700,374.00	\$ 681,379.08
Total General Appropriations		\$ 8,526,541.51	\$ 8,163,411.10
Total Number of Employees		F/T 15 & P/T 25	F/T 11 & P/T 23
<b>2019 Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget</b>			
<b>Summary of Revenues</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
1. Surplus		\$ 319,120.00	\$ -
2. Rents		\$ 2,250,000.00	\$ 2,250,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Rents			
4. Miscellaneous		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 29,355.74
Total Revenues		\$ 2,594,120.00	\$ 2,279,355.74
<b>Summary of Appropriations</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
1. Operating Expenses:	Salaries and Wages	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
	Other Expenses	\$ 1,441,000.00	\$ 1,350,000.00
2. Capital Improvements		\$ 300,000.00	\$ -
3. Debt Service		\$ 101,570.00	\$ 291,355.74
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations		\$ 11,550.00	\$ 10,000.00
5. Surplus (General Budget)		\$ 571,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Total General Revenues		\$ 2,594,120.00	\$ 2,279,355.74
<b>Balance of Outstanding Debt</b>			
	<b>General</b>	<b>Sewer Utility</b>	<b>Utility - Other</b>
Interest	\$ 482,466.75	\$ 28,650.00	
Principal	\$ 5,583,408.38	\$ 363,698.08	
Outstanding	\$ 6,065,874.93	\$ 392,348.08	\$ -
Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, on, March 19 2019.			
A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the Borough Hall on May 7th, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolutions for the year 2019 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.			
Copies of the budget are available in the Office of the Clerk at Borough Hall 100 Behidere Avenue, Washington, New Jersey, (908) 689-3600 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.			

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolution 2019-58

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019-58**  
**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**  
**As per N.J.S.A.54:5**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS,** lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 19, 2018 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$651.56 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2017 in the name of McLaughlin, James P III & Jennifer supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 175 Van Buren Street, Block 61 Lot 3, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #18-00014; and

**WHEREAS,** the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-7-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Provident Bank, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by JU Solo 401K Trust by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,249.91 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #18-00014.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** on this 19th day of March 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 in the **amount of \$1,249.91** (This amount consists of \$1,249.91 Certificate Amount redeemed).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 61 Lot 3 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-59

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2019-59**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN PARKING, STOPPING, STANDING, AND LOADING ZONES ALONG NJ ROUTE 57 (WASHINGTON AVENUE)**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington ("Borough") has requested an investigation and survey by the NJDOT Bureau of Traffic Engineering of certain parking, stopping, standing, and loading zones along NJ-57 (Washington Avenue); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to **N.J.S.A. 39:4-8-4(c)**, the Borough is required to adopt a resolution of support for promulgation of a *Traffic Regulation Order* (TRO) memorializing the aforementioned parking, stopping, standing, and loading zones; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the letter provided to the Borough of Washington by the NJDOT Bureau of Traffic Engineering dated August 30, 2018, made a part hereof and attached hereto, the aforementioned parking, stopping, standing, and loading zones have been recommended for approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that the following changes be supported by resolution and forwarded to NJDOT for the purposes of promulgating a TRO:

Motion made by Duchemin and seconded by Conry to approve Resolution 2019-60

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2019-60**  
**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT**  
**ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$2,329.24 on 2018 4th Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 26 Washington Square Circle, also known as Block 73.02 Lot 13, and in the name of Ross, James D.; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverview Title Agency and Wells Fargo Tax Service had both paid the 4th Quarter 2018 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment when the property changed ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has received a written request from Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service that the overpayment be refunded to them in order to forward the funds to James D. Ross.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$2,329.24 payable to:

Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Services  
1 Home Campus  
MAC X2302-04D  
Des Moines, IA 50328

Motion made by Duchemin and seconded by Conry to approve Resolution 2019-61

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #2019-61**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADJUST SEWER BILLINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 70, SECTION 28B OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington commenced operations of a municipal sewer utility in January of 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, certain facts have come to the attention of the Borough to justify modification of sewer service charges which have been reviewed by the Borough Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, notice has been provided to the owner(s) of the property or properties listed below of the action proposed to be taken with the date, time and place where the Mayor and Council will meet to consider change(s) in the E.D.U.'s assigned to the property or properties listed below; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties affected by this resolution will be notified of the action taken, in writing, and notified of an opportunity to appear, in person, at a formal hearing of the governing body, if dissatisfied with the decisions made herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following changes in the sewer service charge(s) are approved:

<b>BLOCK/LOT</b>	<b>NAME/ADDRESS</b>	
<b>REASON/ADJUSTMENT</b>		
23/19	TNT Laundry 26 West Washington Ave. Washington, NJ 07882	Change in Use (1) to (5) E.D.U.'s Effective: March

2019

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolution 2019-62

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION # 2019-62**

**A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE**

**As per N.J.S.A.54:5**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS**, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on April 17, 2018 to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$5,444.45 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2015 in the name of Rowlands, Kristin H. & William G. as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 76 S. Lincoln Ave., Block 98 Lot 28.01, which sale was evidenced by certificate #16-00078 and

**WHEREAS**, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 3-12-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Judith & Arthur Harper claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Light Properties, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$29,925.84 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #16-00078.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 19th day of March 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$29,925.84** (This consists of \$29,925.84 Certificate Amount redeemed).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 98 Lot 28.01 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-63

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION 2019-63**

**A RESOLUTION FIXING THE SALARY AND WAGES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington (“Borough”) and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (“Union”) engaged in negotiations and approved a successor Collective Negotiations Agreement (“Agreement”) for 2019-2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington wish to extend salary increases negotiated therein for calendar year 2019 to certain non-union classified and unclassified employees, excluding members of the governing body, and including, but not limited to, the Municipal Manager, Municipal Clerk, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer, Municipal Department Head, and all those others not covered by other agreements, or by the unclassified salary schedule in Salary Ordinance #2019-03; and

**WHEREAS**, the restructuring of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment into one Board – “Municipal Land Use Board” eliminated the position of Secretary, Board/Commission – Board of Adjustment for Patricia Titus; and

**WHEREAS**, salaries and wages for employees of the Washington Public Library are solely subject to the purview of the Washington Public Library Board of Trustees, this resolution shall not affect those employees or salary adjustments made thereby; and

**WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Officer was given a salary adjustment effective February 1, 2019, pursuant to Interlocal Service Agreements with various municipalities, no further salary increases will be authorized pursuant to this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, that non-union unclassified and unclassified employees be hereby given a 3% salary increase effective retroactive to January 1, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that due to consolidation of the two Secretary positions in the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment departments into the change in title classification to one position: “**Secretary, Board/Commission – Land Use Board**,” that the salary for this position effective January 1, 2019, shall be: \$4,656.00 AN.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that terminated employees or employees hired January 1, 2019, or later shall not receive increases.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolution 2019-64

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion carried

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-64**

#### **A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, there will be a delay in the adoption of the 2019 Borough of Washington, County of Warren, New Jersey, Local Municipal Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, a temporary budget in the amount of 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2018 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance was adopted in January 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, if additional funds are not budgeted the public welfare will be adversely affected; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer this emergency temporary appropriation be authorized

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, New Jersey, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20, an emergency temporary appropriation be and same is hereby made for in the amount of \$1,582,619.99 and that said emergency temporary appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2019 budget.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolution 2019-65

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

Motion carried

**RESOLUTION #2019-65**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available, until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made by not less the 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body from unexpended balances which are expected to be sufficient to accounts with insufficient appropriation balances during the first three months of the succeeding year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager and the Chief Financial Officer have determined that excess appropriations do exist in some accounts and there is a need for supplemental appropriations in other accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following appropriation transfers are hereby approved:

**Transfer From:**  
**Amount:**

HEALTH WAIVER  
Other Expenses  
\$6,000.00

GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE  
Other Expenses

**Transfer To:**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION  
Other Expenses

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION  
Other Expenses \$4,000.00

**VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS**

Motion made by Conry seconded by Duchemin to pay the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$213,887.84 from the current fund and \$ 14,347.00 from sewer.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Norris, Parichuk, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS**

Councilwoman Noone reported on the Green Team meeting recently held. An application for the designation of Sustainable New Jersey Certification is in the process.

Councilwoman Valle offered congratulations to the two new police officers. Councilwoman Valle commented that she looks forward to the Sweet Treats festival and added that the pocket park looks good.

Councilwoman Duchemin stated she would like to entertain the idea of holding a second town wide yard sale and added that she is excited about the new female officer joining the police department.

Councilman Norris thanked Jonathan James, DPW, for the job he did this morning. Councilman Norris also gave thanks to Councilwoman Noone for her work on the Green Team and Deputy Mayor Conry for the senior advisory work and trips.

Deputy Mayor Conry congratulated the new incoming police officers. Next senior advisory meeting will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Higgins spoke on the new program through the State Housing and Mortgage financing opportunities. April 24<sup>th</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> the Spring Conference of Mayors will be held in Atlantic City.

Mayor Higgins gave a brief history on the first female police officer in Warren County hired by Washington Borough.

An article in Forbes magazine touched on a local business on the equipment that is used in the virtual gaming business here in the borough. A local kid was named champion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Conry seconded by Duchemin to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Ayes: 6; Nays: 0  
Motion Carried.

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Mayor David Higgins

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Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk